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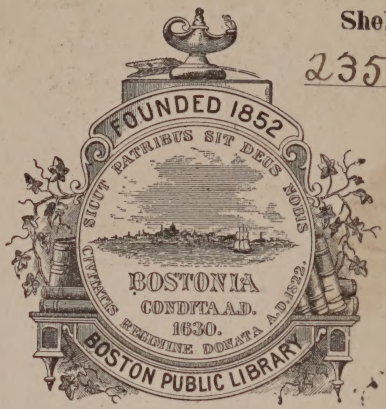

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CONSTITUTION.

I.

THIS Association shall be called the "CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION OF BOSTON," and shall be composed of citizens and taxpayers of Boston irrespective of party.

II.

The purpose of the Association shall be to promote an honest, efficient, and economical administration of Municipal and County affairs, by inducing the citizens and taxpayers to take a more active and intelligent interest in such affairs, by furnishing an accurate and non-partisan account of the manner in which the city is gov-

erned, and of the conduct of the public servants, by encouraging faithful and exposing unfaithful performance of official duties, and by advocating legislation necessary or proper for securing its purpose.

It shall be the endeavor of the Association to keep a careful watch over the expenditures of public money, the making and performance of contracts, the purchase of supplies and material, and the passage of measures by the city council; to prevent illegal, fraudulent, or improper payments from the city or county treasury, to investigate alleged official misconduct, to bring to punishment all who may be parties to such misconduct, and to ascertain and report any facts which, in the interest of good government, should be known by the citizens of Boston.

III.

The Association shall not take partisan action in advancing the nomination or election of can-

didates for public office; but in carrying out the purpose of the Association, as set forth in Article II, it may publish information relating to such candidates, and may oppose the election of any candidate whose defeat may appear to be demanded in the public interest.

IV.

There shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary, an Election Committee of five members, and a General Committee, consisting of the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and thirty other members of the Association. These officers shall be elected at the time of organization, and thereafter at the annual meetings of the Association, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors are chosen. There shall also be an Executive Committee, consisting of the President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and seven others who shall

be annually elected by the General Committee from their own number.

V.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and of the General and Executive Committees. In case of the absence or disability of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside at meetings of the Association and of the General Committee.

VI.

The Secretary shall keep the records of the Association, and of the General and Executive Committees ; shall issue notices of all meetings, and shall perform such other services as the General and Executive Committees may require. In case of the absence or disability of the Secretary, notices may be issued and other duties performed by such other officer as may be designated by the President or Executive Committee.

VII.

The Treasurer shall receive and hold the funds of the Association, shall keep proper accounts thereof, and shall make payments therefrom, subject to such regulations as may be imposed by the General Committee.

VIII.

The General Committee shall have the care, direction, and management of the work of the Association, and they shall have full power to appoint such sub-committees, of their own number or of other members of the Association, defining the duties of such Committees, and to employ such attorneys, agents, or other assistants as they shall deem necessary and expedient, and they shall generally have power to take such action as in their judgment will best accomplish the purpose of the Association.

They may expend all of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer, but shall not incur any

further liability in the name of the Association. They may, by a vote of four fifths of the whole number, remove any officer of the Association. They may authorize the Executive Committee to exercise any of their powers and to perform any of their duties, except that of the election of members and the removal of officers. They shall meet as often as they may deem advisable, and they shall also meet whenever requested so to do by the Executive Committee. Ten members of the General Committee shall constitute a quorum.

IX.

The Election Committee shall receive, consider, and act upon all names proposed for membership, as hereinafter set forth.

X.

The Executive Committee shall exercise and perform such powers and duties under the control of the General Committee, as the General

Committee shall commit to them, and they shall make report of their doings to the General Committee.

They shall meet as often as necessary, and whenever called together by the President or Secretary, and five members shall constitute a quorum.

XI.

The annual meetings of the Association shall, beginning with the year 1889, be held at such place and at such time, in the month of January, as the General Committee shall appoint.

Special meetings shall be held at the request of the President or of the General or Executive Committees, and also at the request in writing of thirty members of the Association.

Notices of meetings shall be mailed to all members twenty-four hours at least previous to the time appointed therefor. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

XII.

The names of persons proposed for membership shall be submitted by the Secretary to the Election Committee, and all names approved by the affirmative vote of four members of that committee shall be so certified to the Secretary, and by him laid before the General Committee.

The General Committee shall vote, by some method which will secure a secret ballot or vote, on all names so certified, and four fifths of all the votes cast shall be required for an election. No person shall become a member of the Association until, having been so approved and elected, he shall signify in writing to the Secretary his acceptance of membership under the conditions of this Constitution.

Members may be required to pay an annual assessment not exceeding ten dollars ($10), but donations to a larger amount may be solicited and received. The membership of any person may be forfeited by the General Committee for non-payment of dues after six months previous

demand. A person shall not be eligible for membership within one year after he has been refused admission.

XIII.

Any vacancy among the officers of the Association may be filled by the General Committee, until action be taken thereon by the Association.

XIV.

This Constitution may, by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present, be changed or amended at any meeting of the Association, in the call for which, notice of the proposed change or amendment has been given.

RULES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE.

I.

The Committee shall meet once a month on the third Wednesday of the month, but the Committee may, by its vote, dispense with any meeting or meetings.

II.

The Secretary shall cause a notice to be mailed to each member of the Committee three days before each stated meeting, giving the time when and the place where it is to be held.

III.

The President or Secretary may call a meeting of the General Committee at any time.

IV.

The Secretary shall cause a similar notice of each special meeting to be mailed not less than twenty-four hours, or delivered not less than two hours, before such meeting, to each member of the Committee.

V.

Unless otherwise especially determined, the general order of business at any meeting of the General Committee shall be: —

1. Report of Secretary.
2. Unfinished business from last meeting.
3. Reports concerning finance.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Action on such reports.
6. Discussion and action concerning work already in hand.
7. Discussion and action concerning new work.
8. Election of members.
9. Miscellaneous business.

BY-LAWS.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall have, subject to the control of the General Committee, all its powers in the care, direction, and management of the work of the Association, except that the Executive Committee shall not, unless in cases where the opportunity for efficient action would be lost by delay, make public reports or statements or commence proceedings before the courts.

OFFICERS FOR 1888.

President.

FRANCIS A. OSBORN.

Vice-Presidents.

WILLIAM ENDICOTT, JR. RICHARD OLNEY.

Treasurer.

STANTON BLAKE.

Secretary.

HERBERT L. HARDING.

Executive Committee.

THE PRESIDENT,
TREASURER, AND SECRETARY, *ex officiis*,
AND

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ROGER WOLCOTT.

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CAUSTEN BROWNE,	HENRY N. SAWYER,
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HENRY F. COE,	HARVEY N. SHEPARD,
GEORGE G. CROCKER,	THOMAS SHERWIN,
URIEL H. CROCKER,	ALBERT T. SINCLAIR,
JAMES G. FREEMAN,	EDWIN L. SPRAGUE,
THOMAS N. HART,	HENRY H. SPRAGUE,
EDWARD J. HATHORNE,	WILLIAM W. VAUGHAN,
JOHN P. HILTON,	CHARLES A. WELCH,
BERNARD JENNEY,	GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH,
DAVID P. KIMBALL,	EDWARD P. WILBUR,
D. WEBSTER KING,	MOSES WILLIAMS,
FRANCIS C. LOWELL,	ROGER WOLCOTT.

Election Committee.

ALFRED D. FOSTER.	ALPHEUS H. HARDY.
CHARLES B. FOX.	HENRY PARKMAN.

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